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REMARKS

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1. The following air activity of aircraft were observed at Rechlin-Laerz airfield between 26 May and 14 July 1955:
 - 26 May. Individual and local flights were made by jet fighters. At 1545, a formation of 8 jet fighters was flying in echelon formation to the right in the vicinity of the field.
 - 27 May. Between 0700 and 1800, individual local flights were made by jet fighters.
 - 30 May. At 1845, a formation of 8 jet fighters was repeatedly seen flying over the Mirow area.
 - 31 May. Local flights were made by jet fighters after 0700.
 - 1 to 3 June. From 0700 until evening, individual local flights were made by jet fighters.
 - 14 June. Beginning at 0600, individual flights were made.
 - 16 June. From 0900 until evening, flying was practiced by jet fighters. At about 0900, a single-engine aircraft repeatedly crossed over Mirow.
 - 17 June. Formation flights were made by 4 jet fighters. At the same time, there was local flying.
 - 21 June. Jet fighters started local flying at 0700.
 - 22 June. Beginning at 0700, there was air activity including local flying.
 - 23 June. Jet fighters started air activity at 0700. At 1145, a single-engine aircraft took off and headed east.
 - 28 to 30 June. Between 0800 and 1600, there was air activity. Up to 3 aircraft were simultaneously aloft. The flight altitude over the Mirow area was 200 to 300 meters.
 - 2 July. During the morning and afternoon, individual local flights were made by jet fighters. There were large intervals between the individual flights.
 - 3 and 6 July. Individual local flights were made at intervals of up to 2 hours between the take-offs.
 - 7 July. During the late afternoon, individual local flights were made. Jet fighters practiced night flying over Mirow until about 2300. A searchlight which radiated its beams vertically upward was observed at the field from Mirow.
 - 10 and 11 July. Intensified air activity by jet fighters was observed from the direction of Mirow.
 - 12 July. During the morning and afternoon, jet fighters made single and formation flights. Individual aircraft were observed aloft during a thunderstorm.
 - 13 July. Air activity was observed from a large distance.
 - 14 July. During the morning and afternoon, individual local flights were made

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by jet fighters. Up to 3 aircraft were simultaneously aloft.
15 July. Beginning at 0830, there was intensive air activity by jet fighters, with up to 4 aircraft being aloft at the same time. About 2230, jet fighters with set position lights were observed flying in the Mirow area. A directional searchlight was located at the field. ¹

2. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at the field between [redacted] and 15 July:

9 July. Between 0800 and 1700, individual local flights were made. No aircraft of the alert was observed at 1800. Four jet fighters, [redacted] of the alert flight were parked south of the runway. A total of 60 jet fighters were parked at the field. 25X1

11 July. Between [redacted] 1700, there was air activity by jet fighters which made individual flights of about 10 minutes. At 1730, about 60 aircraft were observed at the field. A truck and about 40 soldiers were seen near the alert formation. [redacted] of instruction was apparently being held. No additional take-offs were observed.

12 July. Between 0800 and 1700, there was air activity by jet fighters with up to 8 aircraft being simultaneously aloft. As one aircraft landed another would take off. Only individual flights were observed.

13 July. Between 0800 and 1700, there was flight training by jet fighters. Air activity even continued during a thunderstorm between 1500 and 1700. After 1230, a MiG-15 of U-MiG-15 towing a sleeve target was observed flying in the vicinity of the field.

14 July. Flying was practiced between 0800 and 1700. At 1230, two aircraft flew in elements of two.

15 July. Between 0800 and 1700, there was air activity. ¹

3. The Token-type radar set was still observed on Sprottsche Mountain. ²

4. Construction work was under way in 16 aircraft revetments on both sides [redacted] of the Retzow-Mirow road south of the runway in the woods. The revetments were not newly established, since grass was already growing in them; they were not occupied. ³

1. [redacted] Comment. It is believed that Rechlin-Larz airfield is still occupied by a fighter division headquarters and two fighter regiments. Since only a portion of the actual air activity was observed [redacted] it is assumed that more intensive training flights were made. About 60 jet fighters were observed on the landing field. 25X1 25X1

2. [redacted] Comment. The Token-type radar set on Sprottsche Mountain has repeatedly been reported. 25X1

3. [redacted] Comment. About 10 aircraft revetments were previously observed along Retzow-Mirow road. [redacted] 25X1 25X1

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